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France is also at work figuring up the damages.

The federal food board has metaphorically handed citric fruit profiteers

Occasionally, we now hear of King George and President Poincare, but not

name between the lines of the president's last note.

Mackenzen seems to have disappeared as completely from the equation as Von Kluck. Delay seems to have been about as

effective as guns in bringing Austria to the surrender point. Taxation is nearly as old as humanity. Yet congress begins all over again

with every revenue bill. A Georgia court adjourns to pick cotton-which is thought to be a more essential industry just now.

Hindenburg has admitted that he approved the peace movement, Hindle tried one of his own last spring.

Perceiving that a crisis is at hand, the alleged Ukrainian republic is try-ing to ascertain where it is "at."

awakened it, but our old friend yellow fever is reported busy in Guatemala. When Dr. Solf undertakes to discuss "the honor of Germany" he should be armed with blueprints and specifica-

Mr. Balfour has made some progress in the war settlement. He declares that German colonies will not be re-

Is the insinuation that kissing is a relic of the dark ages based upon the assumption that it is better done in

Makers of maps and writers of European history may not be able to use very much of their accumulated ma-

Instead of uniting the nations in one thinks their number is to be considrably increased. Having set up housekeeping on her

own account, Hungary will now ask the allies if they have any settlement to make with her. How much the war and peace situation would be simplified if only

American senatorial and congressional elections were over!

Perhaps one thing which makes the

renewal of the fighting. Now, that Austria has called Wilson

"his lordship," Col. Harvey will probably demand the unconditional surrender of that country, too President Wilson declared politics

adjourned, but it remained in session. When influenza got busy, however, there was scurrying to cover. No new patterns of furniture and

period of the war. You will probably be promptly locked up. now agree with Gen. Sherman, At last Senator Chamberlain has

found his voice. He also "deplores note writing." It is now up to Senator Sherman to say something. Peru sends word that Wilson's notes

are approved in that country. It was not stated whether our own Benton McMillin made inquiry about the mat-President Wilson has urged the eleclion of the democratic candidates for

or suffrage. When Germany relieved France of

likewise relieved her of an emperor. Time about is nothing more than fair If it is true that the kaiser is re-

cut the society of the ex-king colony in quence and force of speech which you Knoxville citizens want an audit of

We are missing the usual schedule of football games this fall. This is ac- diplomacy" against the president, and counted for, however, by the fact that concludes as follows: the stars have been busy bucking the

Congress can tell to a gnat's bristle the exact terms to be imposed upon Germany, but it hasn't time to consummate the final passage of the hydro-

electric power bill. An exchange intimates that those who can't spare the time to "lay up" at home a few days for the "flu" may soon reach an abode where they will remain for some time.

Texas statewide prohibition law has been held unconstitutional by the state we should like to retain, you desist supreme court. Next best thing, per- from such offenses." haps, would be to get a new supreme court and try it again.

But it was not stated whether it was on account of the name

THE TROUBLERS' INNING.

It seems a waste of words to discuss the gyrations of Col. Roosevelt, whose perennial vociferations are close a-kin to Tennyson's brook. But there are still people who consider him an One | intelligent public leader. Those who feel that way probably believe that there still occur instances in the flesh of men who are all-wise, and that a perpetual jabber indicates wisdom. But with somewhat more freedom. we do not belong to any such school. We do not believe in the omnisciency Roosevelt. If anybody can deduce any meaning from his daily fulminations not comprehended in a simple word of one letter-and that the eighth in the

can ever hope to do. We believe a public teacher may be cannot conceive of the continual reiteration of the first personal pronoun singular as ground for consideration or hearing. The I's always have it with the colonel. We wish there were some The kaiser could almost read his think there was. But there isn't, He bubonic plague, whose average is just as inevitably leads in the direction seventy per cent. of trouble as sparks fly upward. His penchant for mischief-making experiences no more check when his country's interests are at stake than if the topic under consideration were an acrimonious dispute with alleged nature the lives of thousands of his country- ber of cases this is alarming. men with the same relish as that of

wild animals in Africa.

The colonel's chagrin over not being kept in office is constantly leading him into ridiculous positions. In fact, he seems to forget that he is not the country's accredited spokesman. Several months ago the president announced an outline of broad principles | mans. upon which America hoped to effect a settlement of the world war. On nuorated these; and, for once in his life, that the end is approaching and the president has demanded the surrender of Germany in the acceptance of well-Perhaps it was "fu" ravages which defined conditions, the colonel rushes into the breach and demands unconditional surrender-presumably to himself, since, if the president is not to be trusted to prescribe terms of surrender, it logically follows that he is unfit to direct the disposition of Germany after unconditional surrender.

Two or three senators, and about as many metropolitan newspapers, are aiding and abetting the colonel in his reckless course. Senator Lodge has dent the exercise of his constitutional prerogatives, and threatens to impeach him if he presumes to act without the senator's permission. But none of these express any intelligent purpose of what big family, the Montgomery Advertiser | render, nor any reason why such pur- sian lines in the fall of 1917. In the vance. of settlement-and whether their blood and treasure are to be further sacrificed merely for some sword rattler's glorification.

To point out the colonel's inconsistency is a work of supererogation. He Solomon said something about an preparedness-including universal mil- under Commissioner H. D. Huffaker, over the world. With one spark of swering not a fool according to his itary service—to the extent that no the army surgeons, Drs. C. P. Knight Napoleon's nobility of soul, he might folly. And now Henry Ford refuses other country would ever look cross-eyed at us. In his latest screed he denounces militarism. Wouldn't you like to have him define militarism for you? colonel furious is the president's pur- The colonel also denounces "the efforts pose of preventing any possibility of a of the administration to do away with the freedom of the press." This probably provokes smiles by those who rethe New York World and the Indianapolis News out of business for preuming to have something to say about his kaiser methods of dealing with the Panama canal situation. Freedom of the press indeed! Or freedom for anything or anybody but the colonel to stride up and down the country, sowing the seeds of discord and sedition, half the old patterns cut out for the for which an ordinary citizen would

As illustrating how the colonel's efforts to play politics and stir up anarchy impresses thoughtful persons, an extract or two will be appended hereto from a recent open letter to him, which was printed in the New York World. After noting the colonel's "failure to be loyal to any one but yourself," this

letter says, in part:

"Both presidents who have followed you in the occupation of the most onerous and responsible position in the world today have suffered from your attacks, both insidious and open. The one an old friend and political comsenator in New Jersey and says he is rade; the other a political opponent charged with a task beyond the power of any human being to perform to the satisfaction of a critical and necessarily uninformed country, has never Alsace-Lorraine and \$1,000,000,000, she received from you even a suspension of comment, a generous thought or a helpful word. I have read your public utterances faithfully and cannot recall one occasion on which the winning of the war has been put before politics If it is true that the kaiser is re-moving his valuables to Holland, it possibly indicates that he means to shown, or has called forth that elo-shown, or has called forth that elohave not hesitated to employ to attack, to weaken, to try to destroy."

Then, after a recital of the colonel's their city government. Here's hoping poisonous fulminations, a comparison it involves less tragic consequences of him with the kaiser, his demonthan a similar proceeding at Nashville strated ignorance, he is declared to be "incapable of a just judgment." The writer then calls attention to the colonel's charge of "almost treacherous

> "But it is impossible for you to say nothing about anything. In this last fact lies perhaps the one thing which renders you harmless and powerless, excepting to exasperate. We have been so long and so persistently inoculated by small doses of your venom, some-times fevered and distressed by it, that when we are exposed now to the dis-ease of Rooseveltism we do not take it; we remain uninfected and healthy. Only we do protest that such utter-ances as the one I have cited are prejudiced, ignorant, unpatriotic and disloyal, and we ask that for your own sake, and to preserve that remnant of respect which as a former president

The point made of the colonel's resemblance to the kaiser is well taken. It has been frequently remarked upon, In working out an increase of sal- Their reasoning and their belief in aries for policemen and firemen, the their own infallibility are very similar, Knoxville city commission refuses to and there are several parallels in their wants at her military wedding now, deal with a conciliator named Dahm. careers. Their ideas of militarism and except a salute of twenty-one guns. If the rights of smaller nations almost she gets a gunner, that will compenexactly correspond. But the colonel is sate for the guns

apparently unable to see the humor in his insistence upon the destruction of German militarism and the substitution of American militarism in its

A SERIOUS EPIDEMIC NOW OVER. Now that this pneumonic plague with which we have been afflicted is practically over it may be discussed

in the first place it must be said that the health authorities of the of any man, and, least of all, of Col. United States, national, state and local, did not sense the danger and did not take sufficient precautions.

Because the disease was dubbed inalphabet-that person approaches fluenza they handled it like the oldmuch nearer to omnisciency than we fashioned grip and no quarantine was inaugurated anywhere. But statistics from New York show that about ten forgiven for nearly any shortcoming per cent, of the cases go into pneu-besides lack of intelligence, but we monin and out of \$202 cases of that monia and out of 8,302 cases of that disease, up to Tuesday there have been 4.243 deaths.

This is a death rate much higher than yellow fever, which of late years useful work which he could—or would has averaged fifteen per cent, or Asia--do. We have several times tried to tic cholera, and nearly as high as the

Of the strictly influenza cases one or two percent have complications other than pulmonary and die.

So the total death rate from the disease about New York has been five fakirs. He would play the pawn of per cent. In view of the large num-

It has been less as we go south, but it is serious.

In the army camps of the country over 6,000 soldlers died last week from the epidemic, and there will be over half that number this week. It is killing more soldiers than are the Ger-

The disease seems to come unexpectedly, reach a high point in number merous occasions since he has elab- of cases in about a week, maintain the crest for several days, and then rapthe colonel offered no objection, Now idly decline. It began in Chattanooga about Oct. 7. After nearly three weeks the new cases are down to a very low point.

This epidemic has been the most serious in this city since the yellow fever epidemic of 1878.

The disease must be better studied so its recurrence can be prevented. After the epidemic of influenza in Europe and the United States in 1890 it recurred in 1891 and for several years.

This recent epidemic is so similar abandoned his own outline of terms for to descriptions of the pneumonic a dictated peace and joined in the plague which afflicted China and Manclamor, Senator Poindexter has intro- churia about a year ago that many duced a resolution in the senate which physicians think it the same disease. would practically forbid to the presi- The old bubonic plague sometimes takes a pneumonic form, but this was not similar.

The death rate in China was nearly 100 per cent, as it traveled westward is to be done with Germany after surpose might not be made known in ad- spring it was in Spain, hence the name "It is the people's war," de- of Spanish influenza. It was also clares the colonel. Granted. Then the prevalent among the labor battallons people are entitled to know the terms from Chinese Tonkin in France. The German army has recently had 200,000 cases. The epidemic is not yet over in Europe.

We must express gratification at the manner in which the epidemic has is a living embodiment of contradic- been handled in the city. In cooperation. A few days ago he was urging tion with the local health department the continuance of an armed camp and Russell Jewitt, with their assist- pen an abdication as self-immolating tiary to the peace conference—but if nts, have done remarkably effective as the above. rk. Dr. Ben H. Brown was assigned member the colonel's "efforts" to put sick. It is too bad that any question as the allies sought to create the imcians generally have done a work for the city that should never be forgotten. One thing we would suggest. Our

system of nealth and vital statistics is very defective. Every case of contaglous disease ought to be reported promptly. There are laws and ordinances requiring this but they are not carried out. This was one of the few setting up of the grand duchy of Warcities of the country where a statement of new cases and deaths was not tabulated accurately every day, Such information is absolutely necessary.

In case of another epidemic of this kind it would seem that a house quarantine on cases would be desirable. want to make peace. This disease is too dangerous to be

temporized with. Camp Greenleaf has been severely afflicted with the epidemic and the death rate has been larger than in the city. At first there was a shortage of surgeons and nurses. With a large number of medical officers in training this should not have occurred.

It is very wise of the health authoriles not to suspend the regulations as c public meetings, churches, etc., until everal days have clapsed. The danger is that the infection might spread again. We believe, however, that early next week conditions will be such that medical opinion will be in favor of ifting the ban.

We have had a serious visitation

"BUT JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS THEY'RE AS



NAPOLEON SET EXAMPLE.

"The allied powers having proclaimed that the Emperor Napoleon was the sole obstacle to the re-estableon, faithful to his oath, declares that he is ready to descend from the throne, to quit France, and even life itself for the good of the country, etc."

as well as the minimum of scandal. They realize also that the president will use all of his great influence to bring about an end of the war when-lishment of peace. Emperor Napoleon, faithful to his oath, declares that he is ready to descend from the throne, to quit France, and even life itself for the propositions is impossible, and it stands to reason that as a critical period confronts the Germans at this time they may reasonably be expected to resort to some such desperate measure as I have conjured up in my mind as a final means of obtaining relief from a most desperate packet.

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CLARENCE T. WALKER. the good of the country, etc."

Such were the immortal words of the great Napoleon. He loved France and loved its people more than he loved the throne which he had won through his genius.

How different the attitude of the last 'egolstic," as Prince Max calls him, but weak descendants of a brave line of tem which stands for perpetual war and which stands for perpetual war and

When Napoleon thus abdicated, he work. Dr. Ben H. Brown was assigned was not yet a prisoner. He was still at the head of his troops, but the end has shown a fine grasp on the situ- was near. He sought to save for his ation. The physicians of the city have son the inheritance, but it was to go worked night and day to relieve the to reaction and the Bourbons. Much of ethics should have at last been pression that Napoleon was a conraised, and perhaps lost the life of a queror, the scourge of Europe and his young girl. But the corps of physi- ambition a menace to the world, it was because he was a king of the commons, and a true lover of democracy that he was the object of the coalition's venom.

From the time of the disasters in Russia, Napoleon had sought peace. But at every turn the terms proposed by the allies were harder. with Alexander was largely due to his saw. The Poles were not yet to be After his defeat at Leipsic, Napoleon proposed to give up all the territory France had added under him, but the allies insisted that France be

and the people have borne it with for- body in New York going to vote the

pacifists. They have shown by their tremendous energy in war work that they are heart and soul with the men in this struggle for the liberty of the world, but they want the war to end whenever it can be brought to an end in the right way, and they have every How different the attitude of the last confidence in the president. It is for defender of the divine right of kings, this reason I believe that the women will vote for democratic candidates this year in great numbers. It is my judgment that Mr. Smith has better than a fighting chance to win the guberna-torial election in New York,"

The president may not have anything good left-unless it be a plenipoten-Dudley Malone can persuade the New York wemen to elect Al Smith gover-Dudley would like to have before making any other promises-even to Tammany. There has been an aching void, any way, ever since he quit collecting tariff duties at the New York port. Dudley Malone has just as good right to an office as Jim Ham Lewisif not better. And if the democrats win this year, he must have a good

A California preacher took for a sermon subject, "What Will Happen the Night San Francisco Goes Dry?" the Chronicle thinks the night before might be better imagined.

RIPPLING RHYMES

On the Run.

but the allies insisted that France be reduced to the dimensions of before the revolution. In fact, they did not want to make peace.

War is easily precipitated. The making of peace is most difficult because, unless there is an equilibrium of forces, the winning combatants are encouraged to fight on to the very destruction of the enemy.

Napoleon set a fine example to the autocrats of today. Will they follow it?

DUDLEY MALONE TALKS.

We believe the country will breathe easier on hearing from Dudley Field Maione. This is a privilege it has not enjoyed for some time. Dudley has maintained an unwonted reticence lately, but it was inevitable that he should give us his views on the situation. This he now does. He makes it quite clear that, so far as he can see, it is all tommyrot about everybody in New York going to vote the republican cicket. Dudley has his

We have had a serious visitation with the tate people have borne it with forand the people have borne it with foratte and many examples of Christian to charity and the risking of life have been given.

Indirectly referring to opposition to Indirectly referring to opposition the results about the women indirectly referring to opposition the problem of their rescue? But he and the president that send the state of their rescue? But he and the president that send the state of their rescu

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

(Chicago News.)
If you would flatter a woman keep uiet and listen. The true measure of success is eight

quarts to the peck.

If you want a thing done well ask the waiter to bring it rare.

A man gets more invitations to pay up than he does to dinner.

Even a woman will sit up and take notice when money talks.

notice when money talks.
Sometimes a man avoids a scrape by letting his whiskers grow.
There is a place for everything, but ew people have access to the inde. Beauty may be skin deep, but thickskinned people are not necessarily the most beautiful.

About two-thirds of the people who attend church can't tell an hour later

what the minister talked about.

The girl who is most popular with men in general is the most apt to make one man miserable for life. It is far easier for a needle to go through the eye of a camel than it is for a woman to pass through a room without glancing in the mirror.

Hard Slam at Editors.

(New Republic.)
The average American editorial
writer is attempting, not so much to
lead public opinion, or even to express
it, as to keep his own record straight. it, as to keep his own record straight. He wants to play safe, and when the country is at war, safety lies on the side of extreme belicosity. It is much safer to see traps where none exist than to fall into an actual trap unawares. American newspaper opinion must accordingly be taken as a combination, in certain proportions, of editorial caution and of genuine public opinion. The same thing, we suspect, is true of British newspaper opinion.

"BAUER'S FOR QUALITY"

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(Senator John Sharp Williams.)

Mr. President, thus must happen to Germany, because this, like every other great thing, is in its ultimate analysis a psychological problem, to wit: There must be "a broken and contrite heart" in Germany, but that can be trusted to come about within due time after total defeat. Whenever you take out of the German mind the idea that they can whip and override the world as a superior race of supermen your psychological result has followed automatically. No people ever made more mistakes. Even Bismarck—brute as he was and tiar as he was because he brought on the France-Prussian war by a lie and a forgery—said that the imponderabilia were very important things. The modern German forgot the imponderabilia, the forgot that the strongest things in this world are traditions, ideals, sentimentalities, love, hatred of crueity, a sense of justice, and aspirations for fraternity. These modern Germans came to the conclusion finally that they could erect a material machine, with no imponderabilia about it, a great organized industrial and military machine, dedicated to the god Efficiency, and that just so they had a machine perfect enough it did not make any difference what people spast was, or to what future people aspired. It was the same old philosophy. Mr. President, that brought the first "blood beast," with his knife in his teeth, around the shores of the Casplan to devastate the Greek world and the Roman empire.

empire.

The Senator from Missouri said one good thing—which was not the only good thing he said—that might be expressed in one sentence. The best thing he said, though not in his exact language, was that this has been a war with one side worshipping Christ, the God of love, bearing sloft His cross, and the other side worshiping Thor, the brute god, and flourishing his hammer.

But do you think every modest mer-

But do you think every modest merchant and every peasant in Germany serving in these armies was carrying any hammer of Thor? He probably never heard of Thor, or his hammer, either. But they had been disciplined and taught; they are—I know, them—at once one of the most decile peoples, while they are one of the most emotional peoples on the face of the earth. For forty or fifty years they had been indoctrinated with a religion new to the world since the Roman empire died, the religion of state worship. It existed in Rome.

The reason why the early Christians

The reason why the early Christians were persecuted and burned and thrown to the lions was not on account of their religion, but because they would not bow down to and worship the image of the emperor and the Roman banner as it was carried through their ranks. They were therefore guilty of treason to the state.

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So these false prophets taught the modern Germans state worship, "Whatever is for the good of the state is right," and "the right of the state is founded upon might," and "the might of the state is founded upon might," and "the might of the state is founded upon implicit military obedence" to the military autocracy. That became their religion, practically.

Suppose you had been educated that way, and your father before you had been educated that way, and your father before you had been educated that way, too. Would not you have been fike them, brutalized by the philosophy of brutality? One of the reasons why I have always objected to federal control of education consists in the fact that as long as you have fortyeight different schemes, there is no danger of stereotyping men intellectually or morally. But this autocracy did stereotype these Germans.

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or morally. But this autocracy did sterectype these Germans.

Do you hate them for it? I do not. I pity them, with my whole soul. I hate the fellows who organized the machine in Germany and in Austria-Hungary, and in Turkey. Let him, then, keep on parleying here, and let the boys keep on fighting over there along the Aisne and the Sulppes and the Oise and clear to the Flanders coast and among the Serbismountains and in the Balkans. Let the armies go ahead, So far as I am colcerned if I were president, do you know what I would do right now? I would delay the answering of that note awhile, in order that those enemy populations might "wobble upon the gudgeon" and "sizele in their own grease." The utmost state of demoralization has already been created among them by the very fact that the German chancellor has proposed an armistice and has said that they wanted to comply with the president sconditions.



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